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In Re Application of:

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RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)

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Sir:

Please consider this Response and Amendment prior to further examination of this application. The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed January 24, 2007 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may have otherwise provided for in this filing. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.